THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am telling Mr. Das Gupta.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Why do you curtail my right...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I allowed you the subject which you were permitted. Your right is not to speak anything under the sun under a Special Mention. So, please sit down.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: That was an illustration of an example how the rules are being made by the bureaucrats...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Gurudas Das Gupta.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, what is this?

AN HON. MEMBER: Three at a time. (*Interruptions*)

Non-payment of dues to Public Sector Employees and workers who sought Voluntary Retirement

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I begin my Special Mention—you will kindly bear with me—when the important Ministers are present in the House, with a question whether this Government has turned bankrupt and insolvent. I want to know whether this Government has really turned bankrupt and insolvent. Why do I ask this question? I ask this question because a large number of workers and employees belonging to Central public sector undertakings in West Bengal have opted for the voluntary retirement scheme as circulated by the managemnet on the advice of the Central Government. And responding to the circular about 8000 employees have opted for voluntary retirement. After their retirement, four months are over, but not a single employee who opted for voluntary retirement scheme has been paid his due, even partially. That prompts me to ask whether this Government has turned bankrupt. To give you illustrations, Madam, on the 4th of August, the Chairman of the Machinery and Allied Manufacturing Corporation (MAMCO),—which is a very prestigious institution situated in Durgapur—issued a circular saying that the workers who would like to retire on voluntary basis will be given such and such amenities. It is a big circular. I have got a copy of this circular. Responding to the circular about 1000 workers and employees have retired. In the month of November the same management has issued another circular saying that the workers should bear with them, the workers should bear with starvation, the workers should bear with non-payment of dues because the management has no money. The Ministry of Defence or the Ministry of Industry has not given them money. This is the position of 800 workers of one particular unit situated in Durgapur in West Bengal. In the city of Calcutta itself, in the Export Inspection Agency, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Commerce, about 150 employees have been declared surplus. They have been thrown out of job by the Ministry of Commerce. After throwing them out of job, they are not being paid the provident fund dues. Today morning we were discussing the delinquent behaviour of the industrialists. Now, we discuss the delinquent behaviour of the public sector undertakings belonging to the Ministry of Commerce. So, this is happening in West Bengal.

I can give you many more examples. But examples will take me to only one conclusion that the Government should execute and implement its exist policy before it is discussed in Parliament or anywhere. They have already started giving effect to it and work force is being off-loaded. Really speaking, workers are being allured to give up their jobs. And the workers have given up their jobs. They are not receiving any salary because they are out of service. They are not receiving their dues even after retirement. This is the situation to which the Government has put a large number of workers belonging to its own public sector undertakings in West Bengal. Therefore, this prompts me to ask the question whether this Government has turned totally bankrupt.

Madam, this is not a simple special mention. The Deputy Leader is present

here. The Government representatives are here and the Defence Minister is here.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No Deputy Leader is here.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: They are representing the Government. I wish, Madam, they have at least that honesty and dedication that they will stand up and say that something will be done and this matter will be enquired into. Before this Session comes to an end, let the Government tell us what is going to be the fate of these employees whom they have allured to retirement who never wanted to retire. You must ensure that you keep your words. They promised the workers that they will be given amenities. Now they are not paid. Therefore, the Government is bankrupt not because it does not have money but the Government is proving bankrupt because it cannot keep its own words. A Government which cannot keep its own words, do you believe, Madam, that Government should stay in office?

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया: (बिहार) : मैं गुरुदास दासगुप्त जी के इस विशेष उल्लेख के साथ समर्थन करते हुए "आपरेशन गोल्डन हैंडशेक' का जो प्रोग्राम लिया गया था विभिन्न पब्लिक सेक्टर अंडरटेकिंग्ज में और स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कार्पोरेशन में, मैं सिर्फ यह जानना चाहता हूं कि यह फैसला किस सरकार ने किया था? यह वी० पी० सिंह की सरकार ने फैसला किया....और इसके पहले ऐसी कोई कमेटी क्या बैठी थी जिसमें ऐसा फैसला किया है पूरे हिन्दुस्तान में कितने लोगों को यह लोग बेरोजगार कर देना चाहते हैं यह गोल्डन हैंडशेक प्रोग्राम के माध्यम से और मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से मांग करूंगा कि यह सारी की सारी रिपोर्ट और सरकारी कार्यवाही सदन के पटल पर रखी जाए ताकि हम इस पर फौरन डिबेट कर सकें। धन्यवाद।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for lunch for one hour, till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-one minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-four minutes past two of the clock. **[The Vice-Chairman (Shri M. A. Baby)** in the Chair.]

DR. BAPU KALDATE (Maharashtra): Not a single Minister is here.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): It is a shame. You adjourn the House... *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): The House stands adjourned for ten minutes.

The House then adjourned for ten minutes at thirty-five minutes past two of the clock.

The House reassembled at forty-four minutes past two of the clock. **[The Vice-Chairman (Shri M. A. Baby]** in the Chair.]

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं सबसे पहले आपके द्वारा सरकार का ध्यान और सदन का ध्यान इस ओर दिलाना चाहता हूं कि सदन के इतिहास में बहुत कम मौके ऐसे आते है, जबकि कोई भी मंत्री ....(व्यवधान).....

श्रीमती जयन्ती नटराजन: (तमिलनाडु) : आपके टाइम में आए हैं।

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: ठीक है। हमारे समय भी हुआ होगा तो इसकी प्रताड़ना हुई होगी। लेकिन, सदन के इतिहास में बहुत कम ऐसा मौका आता है, जबकि सारे सदस्य आ जाएं सदन बैठ जाए और एक भी मंत्री उपस्थित न रहे। मैं समझता हूं कि सरकार की निष्क्रियता का और सरकार का डेमोक्रेसी के प्रति उदासीनता का यह परिचायक है। इसलिए उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से कहना चाहता हूं कि पार्लियामेंटरी मंत्री को इसके लिए क्षमा मांगनी चाहिए सदन से और यह भी आश्वासन देना चाहिए कि भविष्य में इस तरह की कोई गलती नहीं होगी। यही मैं चाहता हूं।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री एम० ए० बेबी): ठीक है। आप बैठिए।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): I am extremely sorry for what happened now. The Minister should have been here.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): Sir, I would request you...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): The Minister has expressed regret. That is over now.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: I am raising a point of order. (*Interruption*). Do you want me to keep quiet? I can sit down. I will always listen to you.

Mr. Vice-Chairman, I fully agree with my hon. leader, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, when he said that the Government is deeply apologetic, we are deeply apologetic for what had happened. We ourselves were annoyed at what had happened. We have made our expression of annoyance very clear, but while saying so I may also mention that it does not behove of Shri Shankar Dayal Singh to raise this issue when he himself was not in this House. He himself came far later. He came long after the Minister came, long after the House had been adjourned. For him to raise this issue is complete hypocricy.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): There is no point in it. There is no requirement for him to be present. Please sit down.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: सर, यह तो कोई प्वाइंट नहीं हुआ। ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: Shri Shankar Dayal Singh is not yet the Leader of the Opposition.

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): One wrong cannot justify another wrong.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Before we proceed to the business of the House, since the hon. Minister has expressed his regret over the incident, there need not be any more discussion, but I hope that in future the Government will take care so that similar incidents won't repeat.

Now, we go to special mentions. Dr Nagen Saikia.

SPECIAL MENTIONS—Contd.

Reported move of the Government Assam to interfere with the result of examination conducted by the State Publi Service Commission

DR. NAGEN SAIKIA (Assam): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir. I am taking m stand here to raise an important issu before the House. Besides the Unio Public Service Commission there is State Public Service Commission in ever State to hold examinations with a vie to selecting candidates on merit bas for administrative jobs. The Public Service Commission, whether it is the UPS